

# PURPOSE OF AND NEED FOR THE PROPOSED ACTION

## PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED ACTION:

- Improve capacity
- Improve safety
- Improve pavement and bridges
- Enhance local traffic circulation by separating local traffic from I-94 traffic
- Provide for national and civil defense
- Meet the needs of local and interstate commerce

## NEED FOR THE PROPOSED ACTION:

- The project portion of I-94 was built in the early 1950s.
- The aging condition, inadequate roadway capacity, and outdated design of this segment of I-94 drive the need for reconstruction and rehabilitation.
- The proposed project will enhance I-94 so that it can function as a modern interstate and meet the traffic demands of a growing region.
- Local traffic mixes with through traffic because of the lack of continuous surface streets.
- Local traffic uses the exit and entrance ramps, and adds to weaving that in turn results in traffic slowdown and increased crashes.